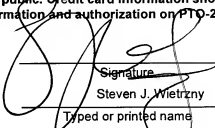


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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>   |  | Docket Number (Optional)<br>380201.00021 |
| In re Application of <b>Vinod B. Shidham, et al.</b>  |  |  |
| Application Number <b>10/773,691</b>  |  | Filed <b>02-06-2004</b>                  |
| For <b>NEEDLE ASPIRATION BIOPSY DEVICE AND METHOD</b>   |  |  |
| Art Unit <b>3736</b>  |  | Examiner <b>Rene T. Towa</b>             |
| <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 80%;"><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>17-0055</u>.</p><p>I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p><p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.<br/>Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).<br/>Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____.</p></div><div style="width: 15%; text-align: right;"><p>\$ 120.00 _____</p><p>\$ _____</p><p>\$ _____</p><p>\$ _____</p><p>\$ _____</p></div></div> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 45%;"><p><u>7/27/2006</u></p><p>Date</p><p>414-277-5415</p><p>Telephone Number</p></div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><br/>_____<br/>Signature<br/>Steven J. Wietrzny<br/>_____<br/>Typed or printed name</div></div> <p><small>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</small></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.</p></div> |  |  |

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